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I was inspired to write this while reading the Iliad because the vivid descriptions of warfare drew me into the scene. In my Montserrat, and Mythology classes we learned the Greek word κλέος (*kleos*) which is often translated as “glory.” After learning this word, I was inspired to write lines 6 and 7, and built the rest of the poem around that. In its entirety, the poem is about how glory is won in chaos.

Storming the walls
Hearing Achaean calls
Leaving none alive
Is the time I thrive
Using my skill
With sword or quill
Within this chaos
I'll earn my *kleos*
The story of the bold
Will be told
Blood spilt
With no guilt
All for a story
With great glory